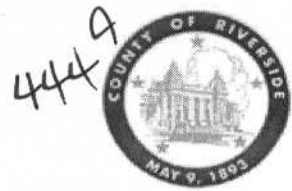


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Parks Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
6/15/06

SUBJECT: Riverside County Historical Commission Annual Report 2005

RECOMMENDED MOTION: that the Board receive and file the Riverside County Historical Commission 2005 Annual Report.

BACKGROUND: Attached is the 2005 Historical Commission Annual Report as required per Board Policy A-21 and Resolution No. 2005-148 Adopting Rules and Procedures for Advisory Committees.

Departmental Concurrence

Paul Frandsen

Paul Frandsen, Park Director

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FINANCIAL DATA N/A	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget: Budget Adjustment: For Fiscal Year:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *H. Duggan*

Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy



Riverside County
Regional Park & Open-Space District
Historical Commission



HISTORICAL COMMISSIONERS
(As of June 2006)

Charlene Cleary, District I
Joyce Hohenadl, District I
Charolette Fox, District II
Darell Farnbach, District III
Robert Lindquist, District III

Marc Hendon, District III
Gerda Hook, District IV
Hal Rover, District IV
Muriel Schwartz, District V
John Worden, District V



Riverside County Historical Commission

Report to Board of Supervisors for year 2005 Summary



May 18, 2006

MEETINGS:

The Riverside County Historical Commission held six regular meetings in year 2005.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. 1/20/05: A letter will be sent to Barbara Boxer's office to thank her for her support of the preservation of California Missions. Senator Boxer responded with a letter back.
2. 3/24/05: No action items taken
3. 5/19/05: Staff was requested to check with Barbara Boxer's office on the status of the California Missions.
4. 5/19/05: New Board of Supervisors resolution No 2005-14B regarding meetings was distributed.
5. 5/19/05: John Worden was elected Chair for 2005-2006.
6. 7/21/05: The Historical Commission voted to participate in the National Archives month in October.
7. 7/21/05: A draft of the "Application Information for the Riverside County Landmark and State Points of Historical Interest" process was reviewed.
8. 7/21/05: The Awards Program and application form were approved.
9. 7/21/05: The Bylaws and Resolution 2005-345 were approved.
10. 7/21/05: Due to the new Bylaws revisions it was voted to rescind the prior election of Chair and following discussion and procedure John Worden withdrew his position as Chair. Charolette Fox was voted in as Chair and Charlene Cleary was voted in as Vice-Chair.
11. 7/21/05: The Historical Commission voted to participate with the Archives Commission for National Archives Month in October, 2005.
12. 9/15/05: Book inventory was reviewed. Cost estimates for reprinting three of the books to be researched. 11/17/05: The Commissioners approved the release of funds to reprint only the *Riverman Desertman* book.
13. 9/15/05: New commissioner Darell Farnbach started.
14. 9/15/05: A review of potential meeting locations was started. July meetings will be held a Park Headquarters in Riverside.
15. 9/15/05: Copies of the Annual Report for the Historical Commission were available for the Commissioners. The report was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on 9/13/05.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. 1/20/05: Mary Zambon from Riverside County Transportation presented information on the De Anza Trail/Bautista Canyon Road Project to the Commissioners. The project was reported cancelled at the 3/24/05 meeting.
2. 3/24/05: Interviews for the Historic Preservation Officer were done in January. The new HPO will start March 31.
3. 3/24/05: Marion Mitchell-Wilson attended the meeting to provide an overview of the State Historic Resources Commission meeting scheduled in May. The Historical Commission donated one set of its publications for an auction item for the conference. A proclamation from the Board of Supervisors was presented to Ms. Mitchell-Wilson.
4. 3/24/05: Some of the commissioners worked as judges for the March 19 History Day coordinated by the County Office of Education.
5. 3/24/05: The Historical Commission reviewed the new Gilman Docent Workshop Training Program.
6. 7/21/05: Press Releases for the Historical Commission will be sent to Ray Smith, Riverside County Information Officer to distribute.
7. 11/17/05: Commissioner Training was presented by Anne Woodell from the CAPRCBM on September 24. Copies of the materials were provided to the commissioners who were not able to attend. Park Staff will check into the cost to present the class at Park Headquarters in a couple of years.
8. 11/17/05: Curator of History, Christie Mitchell, presented the storyboards made for the Gilman Ranch and Museum. The collection and additional pictures are being cataloged and put on computer.
9. 11/17/05: HPO Gettis presented information on Senate Bills 18 and 922 relating to Native Americans sacred sites.
10. 11/17/05: The Economic Development Agency executive director, Robin Zimpfer, presented an overview of the EDA's community involvement.

HISTORY WORKSHOP:

The 2005 History Symposium was held at the Edward-Dean Museum in Cherry Valley on October 29, 2005. The theme was "A Practical Toolkit for Local Museums, Historians, Societies, and Preservationists & Enthusiasts". The focus of the conference was to equip the historical community with fundraising strategies, how to work with the government process to protect historical sites, how to write local history, how to be involved, and how to build an advocacy ethic in Riverside County.

NOTE: The Wildomar Historical Society reported that the information obtained from the 2005 History Symposium helped to educate them, and they were successful in working with the developer to purchase the Brown farm house to move to another location.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

1. San Timoteo School House: Phase I to restore the outside of the facility was completed. A mobile home purchase is planned for the San Timoteo School House caretaker. Phase II documents were started. 7/21/05: More money was earmarked for the School House. Stabilization of the house is complete. The interior of the school will be worked on next. Plans are to have an interpreter tell the story of the significance of the school house.
2. Jensen-Alvarado Ranch and Museum: 7/21/05: The RFPs for the Jensen-Alvarado Winery went out for bid. The winery foundation, the chicken house and the proposed new entry are being reviewed. 9/15/05: Phase one is the analysis and design of the structural deficiencies and design of a solution to stabilize the structure. Repair will be done on phase two.
3. Gilman House Ranch & Wagon Museum: 1/20/05: Marc Brewer, Park Planner, presented an update on the project. 3/24/05: Articles from the *Pass and Press Enterprise* newspapers were shared with the Commissioners. 7/21/05: The September 29 Ribbon cutting ceremony was announced. Pictures of the progress were available for review. 11/17/05: A public open house was announced for December 5.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The Historical Commissioners and Park Staff reviewed multiple properties throughout Riverside County to offer assistance to citizens and historical societies regarding preservation. Some properties were presented for information only.

1. 1/20/05: Swingle Ranch in Western Coachella Valley. Staff reported the house will be saved. 5/19/06: No new reports from staff. 7/21/05: Grading and building is going on around the property. 11/17/05: HPO Gettis reported that the developer met the conditions of the EIR. An owner's guide will be made to give to the new owner. The development will be in phases, with the house in the last phase. It will be some time before visible progress is seen.
2. 3/24/05: Graves were found on HWY 74 (City property). Staff was asked to review and find appropriate person in the City to report the finding to.
3. 3/24/05: Catalina Princess in Lake Elsinore. Commissioner Cleary working on. 5/19/05: The Boy Scouts are interested in working on the project.
4. 3/24/05: Park House in Lake Elsinore. Commissioner Cleary working on.
5. 3/24/05: Franklin Courts in Lake Elsinore. Commissioner Cleary working on.
6. 3/24/05: Military Academy in Lake Elsinore. Commissioner Cleary working on. 7/21/05: The Military Academy is deteriorating. The City Council is talking about selling the academy. 9/15/06: The overgrowth is being cut back. The building has been painted.
7. 3/24/05: The Francisco Estudillo house in San Jacinto received items from Antonio Estudillo's house that is to be razed.
8. 3/24/05: The Hemet Stock Farm in Hemet. Property sold. Outcome unknown. Hemet Historical Society is hoping to save at least some of the property from

- being demolished. 11/17/05: Commissioner Lindquist to attend a meeting regarding this Historic Property. The site is in Hemet City limits.
9. 3/24/05: Dorland Mountain Arts Colony Executive Director, Karen Parrott, presented photos of the Arts Colony before the fire, and provided an update on the reconstruction plans.
 10. 5/19/05: Martinez Mountain Slide Trail project in Coachella Valley. Staff was asked to review. 7/21/05: The Travertine Boo Hoof Trail project was found to be a project for the City of La Quinta. There is no documentation that it has been registered as a landmark designation. HPO Gettis will forward the landmark designation process to Commissioners Hook and Cleary. 11/17/05: Commissioner Hook informed the Desert Riders council that there are avenues for them to pursue to register the site for landmark designation.
 11. 5/19/05: Vail Ranch in Temecula. Staff was requested to get an update from Supervisor Stone's office. 7/21/05: Ron Roberts from Supervisor Stone's office not available to report. Ownership has changed several times. 9/15/05: Weeds and vandalism continue to be a problem. There was a brush fire close to the site. The City agreed to help with weed abatement and will provide some police presence.
 12. 5/19/05: Brown Owens Barn, School and Farmhouse. 9/15/05: The County deemed the house wasn't worth saving, although the water tower would be. The Planning Commission stipulated that the developers work with the community. Sheryl Ade is working with the developers to relocate the house to another site.
 13. 9/15/05: Several Wildomar properties were presented for potential review. Commissioner Cleary will provide recommendations to the Wildomar Historical Society.
 14. 9/15/05: The Homer Walker property in Lake Elsinore is scheduled for demolition. The EIR report documents the house should not be torn down. Charlene Cleary spoke to the developer and Planning Department to have the building incorporated into the plans for the new condos.
 15. 11/17/05: Highland Springs Resort in Cherry Valley. Commissioner Lindquist assisted by answering questions about drainage from development area and water rights. Part of the Bradford Trail goes through their property.
 16. 11/17/05: Commissioner Rover reported that the owners of Chase School Road off of I-10 want to change the street name to Cook Street. No street name change requests have been submitted to the Historical Commission.
 17. 11/17/05: Audie Murphy Ranch in Murrieta. Mr. Fagelson presented information on the development project and the archeological impacts affected by the project.

PROJECTS TO FOLLOW UP ON:

1. 5/19/05: Map of historic sites in Riverside County.
2. 7/21/05: A system is needed to cross reference Riverside County landmarks with national register or state landmarks.

3. 9/15/05: Development of a pamphlet for Historical Commission books and price list to distribute to local libraries.
4. 11/17/05: The Commissioners need to check if there is any interest in the Doors Open program, where historic sites open their facilities one day a month free to the public. Consider coordinating with EDA if there is an interest.
5. 11/17/05: Obtain the list of contact persons for the eight areas and the CIT teams from the EDA.
6. 11/17/05: Invite Mr. Fagelson, Deputy Planning Director, to provide an update on the new ten-tribe tribal council formed to advise the County on how to deal with sacred sites and follow up on when the archeological training program will be offered.

TOURS TO BE ARRANGED:

1. 9/15/05: Tour of Aimee McPherson Home.
2. 11/17/05: Tour of San Timoteo School House.
3. 11/17/05: Tour of the Empire Polo Club.

ATTENDANCE:

KEY: "P" = Present "A" = Absent "E" = Excused "L" = Late "V" = Vacant * = Special Meeting

COMMISSIONERS:		Jan 20	Mar 24	May 19	Jul 21	Sep 15	Nov 11	Term Ends
District I	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	V	
District I	Charlene Cleary	P	P	P	P	P	L	6/30/08
District II	VACANT	V	V	V	V	V	V	
District II	Charolette Fox	P	P	P	P	P	P	6/30/07
District III	Robert Lindquist	P	P	P	E	P	P	6/30/08
District III	Darell Farnbach	V	V	V	V	P	E	6/30/07
District IV	Gerda Hook	P	E	E	P	E	L	6/30/06
District IV	Hal Rover (started 7/03)	P	E	P	P	P	P	6/30/08
District V	Muriel Schwartz	P	P	P	P	P	P	6/30/07
District V	John Worden	E	P	P	P	E	P	6/30/08
All-Cnty Member	Marc Hendon Sr	P	E	A	A	P	A	6/30/09
PARK DISTRICT STAFF:								
Paul Frandsen, General Mngr		P	P	P	P	P	P	
Brian Loew, Assistant General Mngr		E	E	P	E	P	E	
Erin Gettis, Historic Preserv. Ofcr		V	V	P	P	P	P	
Lori Norris, Recorder		P	P	P	E	P	P	

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul Frandsen
Historical Commission Secretary


Charolette Fox
Historical Commission Chair

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